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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON INFLUENZA (LA GRIPPE).

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whether influenza or la grippe is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), mortality, and the treatment, sanitary and medicinal, with as full statistics as possible. The information is desired for publication in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

In addition to present conditions, a statement is also desired as to dates (even though approximate) of the appearance of la grippe and the estimated number of cases to date of report.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report on the investigation of smallpox in Colorado.

ST. LOUIS, MO., *January 17, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the reports made by me to Dr. G. E. Tyler, secretary State board of health of Colorado, while investigating cases of smallpox present in certain places of that State.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

[Inclosure.]

CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO., *January 6, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that I arrived at Cripple Creek yesterday morning and called upon Dr. Hassenplug, city health officer. During the afternoon I visited the smallpox hospital with him and saw 15 patients, all of whom had smallpox; the doctor also showed me 10 other cases of smallpox which he has isolated in their houses in the different parts of the city. A meeting of the board of health was called at 7.30 in the evening and at that meeting I announced that the disease was smallpox and explained at length what precautions should be taken to prevent its further spread. The board passed a resolution authorizing the health officer to employ physicians to make a house-to-house inspection of the city, report all cases of the disease they may find and vaccinate everybody. These physicians were appointed this morning and met in Dr. Hassenplug's office this afternoon and received their instructions. They will begin work at once. I have called upon most of the physicians of the city and explained to them the chief points in the diagnosis. Dr. Meiere has been appointed one of the vaccinators and says that he will do all that he can to help stamp out the disease. I requested Dr. Whiting, county health officer, to have a physician visit the different mines and see if there are any cases of smallpox and also to have the manager of the mines require all employees to be vaccinated. The doctor stated he would do this. Dr. Hassenplug has closed all the dance houses here and I believe will soon have the epidemic well in hand. He has a good smallpox hospital and will remove all cases to it as soon as possible, and

disinfect the infected houses. This afternoon I saw a case of smallpox at Anaconda and advised the attending physician what precautions should be taken. I think I have accomplished everything that it is possible for me to do here at present, and am ready to proceed to any other place you may desire me to visit.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Dr. G. E. TYLER,

Secretary State Board of Health, Denver, Colo.

CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO., January 8, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in compliance with your telegram of the 7th instant, I visited Victor, Goldfield, Independence, and Altman to-day. Dr. Benson, the health officer of Victor, showed me 1 case of smallpox in the city and 4 others at the smallpox hospital. I also saw a case with him about 2 miles in the country. Dr. Hayes, of Goldfield, had only 1 case at his smallpox hospital, and none in the city. I saw 2 children in Independence who had smallpox. There was some doubt whether these children had smallpox or chicken pox, as the cases were very mild. I told the health officer, however, in my opinion they had smallpox, and he said he would take precautions to prevent the disease spreading from them. Dr. McDonald, of Altman, showed me 3 cases of smallpox. The health officers of these places have diagnosed the disease correctly, and are doing everything possible to stamp out the disease.

I leave to-night for Delta County.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Dr. G. E. TYLER,

Secretary State Board of Health, Denver, Colo.

DELTA, COLO., January 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that while waiting for the train at Cañon City, I called upon Dr. Little, health officer, and he took me to see 2 cases of smallpox in the convent of that place. One of these cases had nearly recovered, but the other was in the vesicular stage with the eruption well marked in the mouth and fauces. I also met Dr. Carrier, the county health officer, who showed me several mild cases. I leave this afternoon for Hotchkiss and Paonia and hope to return by Saturday the 12th instant, when I will proceed to New Castle.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Dr. G. E. TYLER,

Secretary State Board of Health, Denver Colo.

HOTCHKISS, COLO., January 11, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that I arrived here yesterday evening and called upon Dr. Meiklejohn, the health officer. He stated that there had been no cases of smallpox in this city, but stated that there had been a few cases on the mesa near the city. This morning I went to Paonia and met Dr. Follensbee. He said there had been 97 cases of smallpox in that place, but that at present there was only 1 case. I saw this patient and he had the disease in the papular stage. Dr. Follensbee said that the disease was brought to Paonia by a woman from Ouray and that all the other cases were traceable to this woman. I met some of the influential citizens of the place and urged that every one be vaccinated and the houses disinfected. I also saw several members of the school board and recommended that no children who had not been recently vaccinated, or who had had the disease and entirely recovered, should be permitted to come to school; also that the schools be well fumigated at least once a week. In one school several miles from the town I was told the teachers and all the scholars had had the disease, and as there were no more children in the neighborhood to contract the disease, the school had been reopened. Dr. Follensbee requested me to ask you to send him a few circulars stating the requirements of the State board of health in regard to vaccination, isolation, and disinfection. He said he intended to post them in the post-office and other public places so every one could see. When I returned to Hotchkiss I called upon the mayor and explained to him what measures should be taken to keep the disease from getting a foothold in this city.

I leave to-morrow morning for New Castle.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Dr. G. E. TYLER,

Secretary State Board of Health, Denver, Colo.